

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Charles A. Gambrill Residence

AND/OR COMMON Westminister Hotel

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 418 W. Fayette Street

CITY, TOWN Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☒ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
☒ ACCESSIBLE  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☒ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

City of Baltimore Neighborhood Survey

DATE

1976

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY ☒ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL &  
ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Room 900  
26 South Calvert St.  
Baltimore, Md. 21202

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This three story high, three bay wide, gable-roofed building is built of brick laid in Flemish bond and rests in part upon a marble base. The first floor front facade probably dates from about the turn of the century. Entranceways are at either side, framed by identical sets of wooden pilasters with flat capitals. The entrance on the right retains a small, square, glass and metal marquee. The central bay is occupied by a single plate glass window with brick sill and flat brick arch. A minor wooden corner rests above.

Second and third floor windows are double hung with 2/2 lights, and have flat splayed brick arches and stone sills. A narrow frieze is adorned with a row of guilloche and rolled modillions support the deeply projecting wooden cornice which returns on either side of the facade. The roof is tarred black and the traces of a widow's walk are in the place at the peak. The bearing walls step up at either side of the building, and the chimneys rise on the right side.

The western, Paca Street side of the building stretches 12 bays; at least the last 8 bays are turn of the century additions. All windows are wire mesh covered plate glass. Original windows remain in the center of the side of the main house, with one each in the gable end and the third and second floors. They are detailed like the windows of the front. A projecting belt of brick runs at the roof line.

The eastern side of the building has a later enclosed stairway running from the first to second floors. Centrally positioned windows at second, third and attic floors have flat brick arches and stone sills, and are double hung with 6/6 lights. A band of brick runs at the roofline.

Numerous one, two and three story back buildings stand and are built of brick laid in running and common bond. Most have shed roofs. Windows generally are double hung with 6/6 lights and have flat brick lintels and sills.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES *C. 1850*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This sound but much altered building is the last great survivor of the fashionable residential neighborhood which once stretched along Fayette Street from the heart of downtown Baltimore to the west, in the days before Mt. Vernon Place. Built by the heirs and descendants of Samuel Chase and William Paca, the house (with marble base, Flemish bond brickwork, and gabled roof with the remnants of a widow's walk which shows prominently in Sachse's 1869 view of Baltimore) was occupied by Charles A. Gambrill, the very prominent Baltimore merchant and businessman; from 1850-1864; before his removal to Mt. Vernon Place. It has been the Westminster Hotel continuously since 1894.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Planning Assistants

ORGANIZATION

COMMISSION FOR HISTORICAL &amp;

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TELEPHONE

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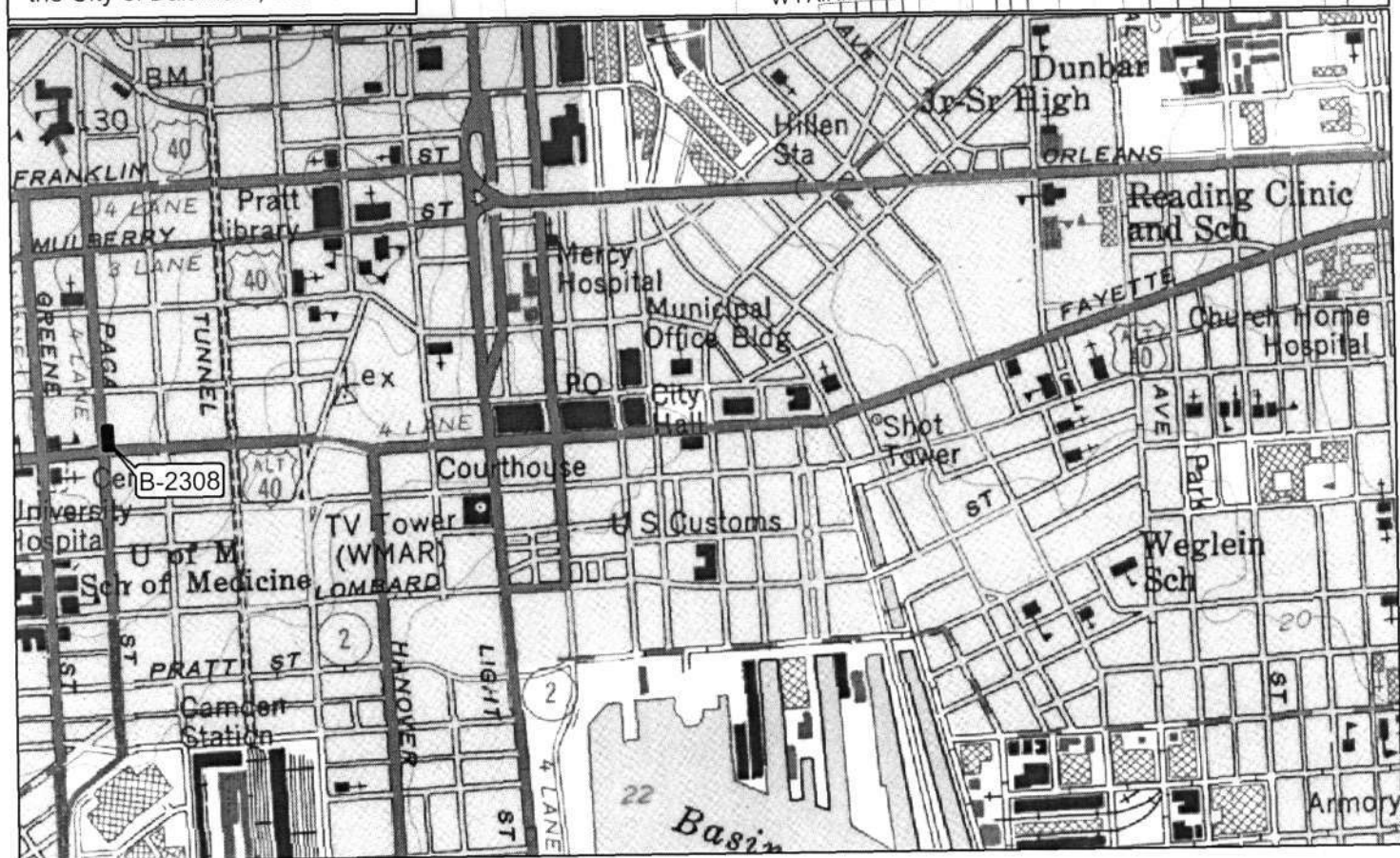
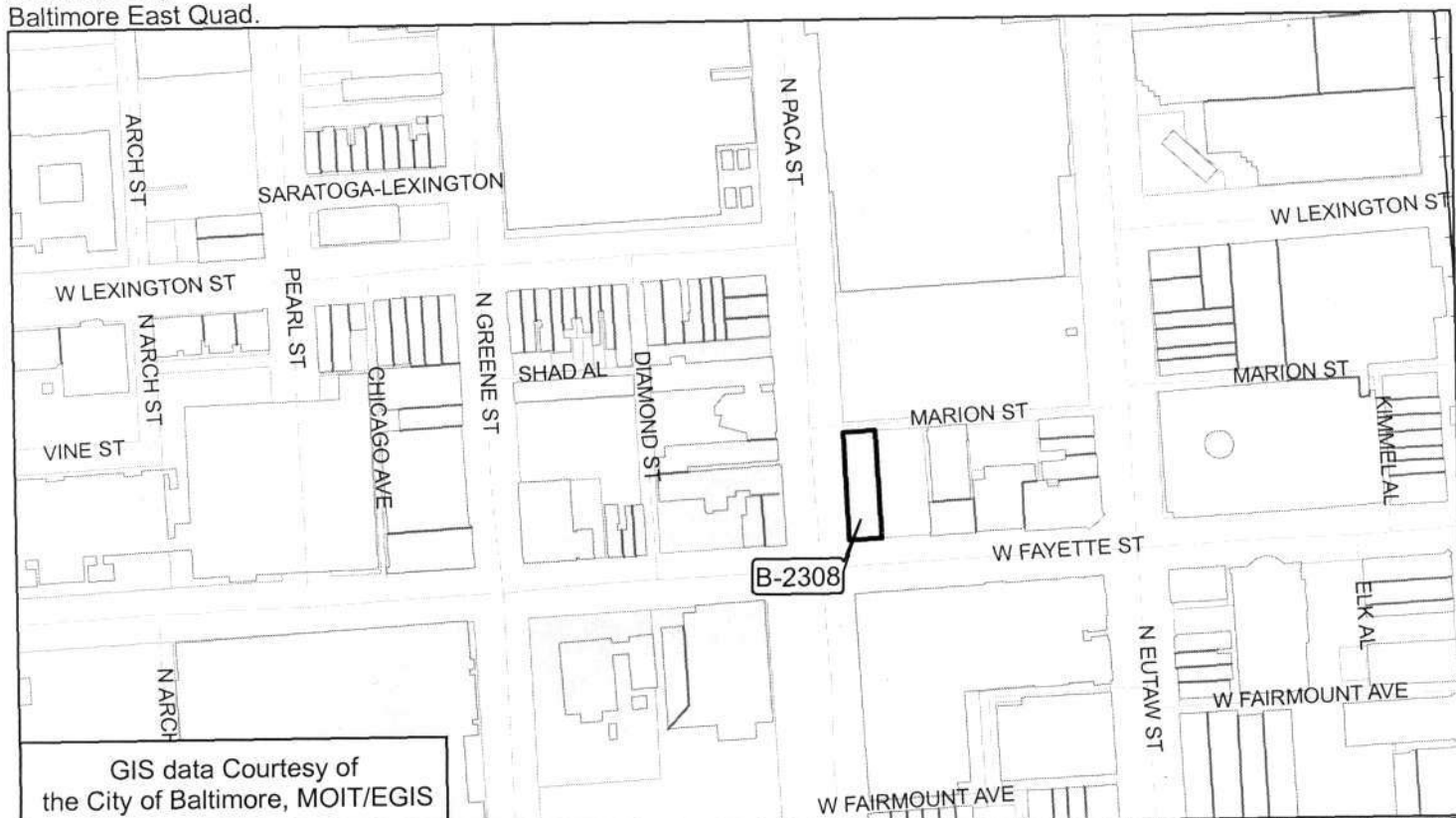
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

**Demolished**

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Westminster Hotel (Charles A. Gambrill Residence)  
418 W. Fayette Street  
Block 0618 Lots 005  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.





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418 W. Fayette St.

Neg #

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B. Penick

Block

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